Perils of the Hardened Heart

Sunday School Lesson for April 24, 1921

Scripture, Isaiah 5:8-10; Amos 8: 4-7; Luke 16:19-25.

By Rev. F. E. Davison

nature does not change. Iteu the same from the be-The vices against IN PLEA FOR NEGLECTED MEN vince prophets thundered a thouba u sectore Christ are the same Vacca Gotain two thousand years wieed, graft, gouging, the the of luxury, the love of ease, c ve maifference, idolatry, faiththese we find cass scuors y present in Isreal cene Christ made his proclahand a of peace and good will to men. and preadly the same warnings are The manner of exland vice may change, but there than flowers. The hands of the prophet are the hands of another age, but the voice is the voice of the 20th

One has to take a walk along the "great white way" of any American city witnessing the gay revelers intent upon the joys of "the hot bird and the cold bottle,"together with the Salome "cabaret" to add another form of sensuality to the indulgence, and he will be assured the degenerate Hebrew of old time and the riotous American of modern times are chips of the same block.

STARTLING STATISTICS

Take these startling statistics: It is said that if a working man could mobilized to speak at the same time earn \$1000 a day he would have to upon a single text. work 547 years and never take a day off in order to be as wealthy as some Americans are.

saved \$20,000 a years he would only If Adam had lived 6000 years and have accumulated half as much wealth the officials of the government. The as several men in America have man- Legion's memorial was carried to the aged to accumulate in the last 40 President at the White House by John

When Egypt was destroyed as a tion owned 97% of her wealth. When Persia fell 1% of her population owned all the land.

When Babylon went down struction 2% of her population owned all the wealth.

owned all the then known world. Are we headed the same way? In edied by the entire reconstruction of England, Ireland and Wales there the federal machinery dealing with are 40,000,000 people and 100,000 own the problem. all the land in the United Kingdom. -That is one-fourth of 1%.

THE ANCIENT BILLY SUNDAY

In the United States in 1850 capi-

the country's wealth. Explain this as you may, the fact is of stratling moment. It is not a crime to be rich, but it is a crime to use riches as many peo-

It is not a disgrace to be poor, but it is mighty inconvenient always. spoke against the sins of his times he present because of lack of beds and used language that the common peo- shelter. ple understood. It was red hot critwould stand for it these days. Some of his descriptions took the skin off, cut to the quick, and undoubtedly made a good many enemies for Amos. drunken cows. He charged them with the problem rests." the grossest immorality. He said | The break in the chain of responsithey were a nation of grafters and bility occurs, according to the mebribe takers. He showed up their morial, as a result of the fact that treatment of the poor, and how they the war risk bureau is under and rebuilt palaces using their ill-gotten gains for the purpose, and consider-ing human life of so little account that "they sold the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of ury, an officer of He denounced their drunk- the executive enness, their extravagant banquets, branch of the govtheir luxurious furniture, their volup- ernment, while tuous, rag-time music. He declared the federal board that the whole nation was morally for vocational ed-

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

rotten.

What would Amos say now if he was to return and behold the ingratitude, the voluptuousness, the stub- ments of the govbornness, the hypocricy, the covetous-ness, the oppression of the poor, the sweat shop, the child labor, the under-asserts that the paid sales girls, the slums, the false United States has been more liberal weights and balances, the callousness, than any other nation in its provisions heedlessness and the hard-heartedness, for the disabled soldiers, but that it has the moral wrongs and social miseries of vast numbers of people? We do not know what Amos would say, but we do know what Jesus said. In the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus nations in the recent war and the exhe vividly teaches that it is better to perience of this nation in previous be one of God's rich poor men than to wars. be on of the Devil's poor rich men. The condition of the good man under man there are three needs-medical the most wretched earthly circum- treatment, vocational training and stances is infinitely better than the state of the bad man under the most favorable circumstances. The rich man of the parable did not stone the nized the three needs, but overlooks beggar off the premises, he did not set the fact that they are the simultane-the dogs on him, he did not abuse ous needs of one man, not of three as in New York recently while a ball different times. It makes three probcosting \$50,000 was in progress at lems out of what really is one problem. Delmonicoes, out on the curb stone shivered a woman with a dead baby in her arms, starved and frozen to death. The rich man of the parable was housed animal. And if he saw the not intended to exercise. This prebeggar at all, the slight made no more sents an amazing spectacle of adminimpression on his mind than if he had istrative chaos, duplication, wasted ennever crossed the threshhold of his to the present condition. door. No wonder he went to hell. Let us be fair however, Christ does not say that all rich men are like that!

are the most generous supporters of for compensation for their injuries. No! There are many rich men who all that is beneficent; their purse Thousands have waited for months strings are always loose; their names for an opportunity to re-establish are written in heaven. This earth themselves as self-sustaining members woud be a chaos if it were not for so of society by vocational training. many great and conscientious rich Thousands are in need of hospitalizamen. But there is always danger tion, and the government has no hosthat when riches increase men will set pital facilities available for them. Of their hearts upon them, and dry up the fountain of sympathy in the soul. The poor we shall always have with us. There will always be the need of the helping hand.

the times in this scripture viz:ways suffers a visible judgment.

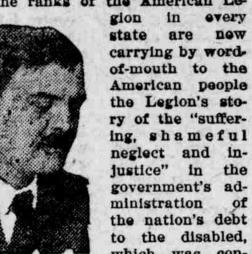
II. Sensuous self-indulgence always hardens the heart. III. Sensuous self-indulgence saps the strength of conscience.

The good points of a horse are pointed out by many people. man they are noted by a few.



Three Thousand Veterans From Le gion Ranks Are Explaining 815 uation to American People.

Three thousand volunteer speakers from the ranks of the American Le-



John Thomas Taylor.

which was contained in the formal memorial

which the Legion

has presented to President Wilson, President-elect Harding, and to all members of congress. Probably never before in the history of the country has such an army of orators been

The Legion aims to present to the people of the United States the facts regarding the disabled in the same language as they were presented to Thomas Taylor, vice chairman of the Legion National Legislative commitgreat civilization 2% of her popula- tee. National Commander F. W. Galbraith, Jr., gave it to Senator Harding | inches of snow. at Marion, where he had a long and

situation with the next President. The Legion denounces the present When Rome met her fate 1800 men method of caring for the disabled as a "failure" which only can be rem-

The functions of the three agencies, which deal with the problems of the disabled, the bureau of war risk insurance, the federal board for vocational education, and the United talists owned 371/2% of the nation's States public health service, "must be wealth. In 1870 they owned 63%. co-ordinated, their machinery decen-Now 5% of the people own 95% of tralized and all three placed under common control," the memorial states. As an equally essential remedy for existing conditions, the memorial urges the immediate appropriation for the use of the unified organization of a sum ample to build or rent a sufficient number of hospitals to take The prophet Amos was the Billy care of the 16,900 ex-service men who Sunday of ancient times, and when he are unable to receive treatment at

The "failure" of the government to icism. No fashionable congregation afford justice to the sick and wounded veterans is attributed by the Legion to "an astonishing state of divided responsibility and wasted effort among He called the fashionable women the government agencies with which

sponsible to an assistant secretary of the treasucation is responsible only to congress, and is un-

F. W. Galbraith,

failed in large measure to make these provisions available in spite of the benefit of the experience of other

"In the re-habilitation of a disabled financial support," the memorial states. "The government has recog-He simply ignored him. Just different men or of one man at three

"Continuing this faulty conception, it has given the problem over to three agencies. All, by force of circumstansimply a well-fed, well-clothed, wel- ces, are exercising functions they were been a dog. Sympathy for suffering ergy and conflict, which is the key

"The result is the suffering of the disabled veterans. Thousands are waiting and have waited for months week.

Concerning Baldness.

A majority of men who have amounted to anything have gone bald. To go There are three practical lessons for baid before amounting to anything is the lot of millions. Among those mil-I. Sensuous self-indulgence al- lions are many who feel that the first kingdom of the world would be compensation for loss of hair, even if the perquisites of a king did not include an allowance for a court wigmaker. Even without a crown as a consolation, there is a certain solace in not having to wonder whether your scalplock is standing perpendicularly when the occasion calls for solemnity.-Exchange.

CALEDONIA COUNTY

SHRFFIELD

Mrs. James Dopp is gaining slowly. Heman McClure appears to be fail-

Mrs. A. O. Gray visited her daughter in Lyndon last week. Mabel Player of Glover visited at

Onie Simpson's recently. Harry Simpson of St. Johnsbury is stopping at Onie Simpson's. Carrie Ford of Lyndon Center visted at Delia Jenness' last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chesley of St. Johnsbury were visitors in town last Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClure of

Lyndonville visited at Delia Jenness' Mrs. Ray Jenness of Lyndon and

child are stopping with her parents Lillian Green of Lyndonville visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Gray, last week.

Mrs. Patterson, sister of James Dopp, formerly of this town but for living in the West. has come to care for Mrs. Dopp.

SUTTON

A. D. Fogg of Burke has a gang of nen sawing the logs at the Parker-

School commenced Monday at the North school with Mrs. Anna S. Allen as teacher. Mrs. James Miles and family have

moved into the house of the late Stephen Chesley. R. H. Vance and son have purchased Davis truck for use in their large

arming operations. The state evangelist will hold meetngs at the Baptist church Wednes-

and Thursday of this week. Mrs. Ruth Turnbull, who has been very ill at Brightlook hospital.

H. D. Chapman, who has been confined to the house since February is better and gets out some every day. day with rain, hail and finished with changed his mind & sed pa just had a

The men of the Baptist church to that sounds good to me. I gess ma important conference on the disabled the number of 14 met at G. L. Gor- thinks a good eel of pa to. I seen don's to cut wood for the church last her cry Saturday and cut about 10 cords. It Montlay-Jane called me up on the is said the minister was about the telefone & told me sumthing witch I best chopper in the lot.

SUTTON NORTH RIDGE

Miss Lilla Curtis begins her school

Alston Ham visited Durward Mc Shane Sunday. J. O. Noyse was in Barton on busi-

ness recently. Roger Curtis is expected home from Cincinnati this week.

Charles Dunklee is a business vis-itor in Pennecook, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Grant were visit-

ors in Lyndonville recently. J. Wesley Batchelder was in Barton several days last week. Avery R. Curtis and Howard Blake

were in Barton Saturday. Mr.and Mrs. E. E. Grant spent Sunday at Charles Gero's in East Haven. School begins Monday, April 18,

with Mrs. McShane as teacher. Kathleen McFarland visited her sister, Mrs. Ray Gray, over the week-

Mrs. W. N. Robinson and son, Percy, visited friends on the Ridge Sun-

WEST BURKE

Laurice Parker of St. Johnsbury is working for M. E. Fairbrother.

Mrs. Peter Abar visited relatives in St. Johnsbury during the past week. J. M. Smith, who has been feeble all winter, has not been as well of

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Waite of St. Johnsbury spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. Sarah Brockway gave a small linner party to a few lady friends last Wednesday. Mrs. Luvia Gray of Newark has

been spending the past week at the home of her son, Burton Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gates are at home again after spending the fall and winter in Massachusetts.

Gardner Blake has opened a blacksmith shop at the north end of the village and Will Hill is working for

Mrs. Roy Howard and little daughter, Caroline, of St. Johnsbury spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Howard.

Ernest Warren has bought the house occupied by E. J. Smith and the Chappell Barber Shop, formerly owned by Mrs. Sleeper.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Ruggles, Mrs. G. A. Jamieson and Mrs. Myrtie Hall attended the O. E. S. meeting at Lyndonville on Tuesday evening of last

Mrs. Susie Smith has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sydney Brigham, owing to ill health, and Mrs. Josephine Bigelow is caring for Mrs. Murray, who is still improving. Mrs. Ida Powers, Mrs. and Miss Aldrich, Mrs. Emma Way, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. Ar-

day to attend the funeral of D. Q. Woodruff. Miss Ruth Leach was the surprised recipient of a fine set of pyrex ware, consisting of a caserole, custard cups, cake and bread tins, from Evening Star Chapter, O. E. S., at their meet-

ing on Friday evening of the past

thur Way went to Centervale Satur-

Mrs. Maude Hill, our out-going pastor's wife, was presented with a caserole by the ladies of the W. R. C., at their meeting Saturday. Mrs. Hill has been a most helpful member of the order and will be missed there as elsewhere.

President Lachary Taylor.

Zachary Taylor is one of the least known of our presidents. He held office only 16 months, but in that time he displayed such courage and strength of character as to endear himself to the people. He came to the office practically unknown and unknowing. His victories in the Mexican war had made him famous, but he was not known to the politicians, nor did he know any of them. He had been called "Old Rough and Ready," 'm he was not such a blustering, unce man as people had thought.

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SLAT'S DIARY

BARTON,

Friday—ma & pa was a tawking about a yung cupple witch is new marryed & how nice they get a long & dont quarrel none & ma has agreed never to quarrel agen. I suppose ble. they wont nether. Till they disagree

Saturday-Pa was a cranking the ford this morning & it kicked back & nocked him unconscientious for about 1/2 hour. Then the doctor cum & dog nosed his case & sed he has a skulpture of the brane or a fracture of the skull or mebby a confusion of a bone. but whatever it is pa is a mitsick for a long time, still remains ey sick man & can't wirk much for a week or two & I may not get my scout sute for a wile longer yet.

Sunday-The doctor over herd me telling unkel Hen over the telefone Last Sunday was quite a stormy that we havent no money so he the ground covered with about three slight invasion or to on his hed & wood be out in a cupple days or so.

> dont dare rite in my diry. This is a closed secrit as only us 2 & the teiefone girl knows what it is about. they was a inspecktor at skool today & he sed I wood of ben a fine specimen if my ft. haddent developed so

Tuesday-pa went to wirk today

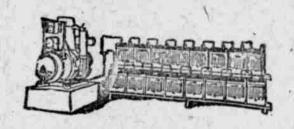
ma wanted to please him & called him up & ast him what did he want for dinner & he answered & replyed-Pie a la mode. She misunderstood him & thot he sed hire are lawn mowed witch she did & it costed pa 6 bits in money. but it saved me lots of trub-

Wednesday—was at a party tonite & Jane had me a running a fue errants & waiting on her. Ted remarked that she had her ft. on my neck. I herd him & told him if I ketched him after the party his neckty woodent fit him, when the party was over I looked for Jane but she had went. Elsy sed she went away with Ted. had a bum time.

Thursday-ma found a long hare on pa's cote & got very angry & tawked awe full mean. pa sed she worries to much over little things.

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